(Washington, D.C.) - Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH) announced today that Speaker-elect Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has appointed him to the House Democratic Steering Committee, the body responsible for selecting committee assignments for the 110th Congress. Pelosi called Ryan Tuesday night to inform him that she was personally appointing him to fill one of the select few leadership slots on that committee.

Rep. Ryan, who is seeking a seat on the House Appropriations Committee, joined the committee for a 2:30 p.m. meeting today to discuss appointments. The committee will meet throughout this week and next week, with final decisions on committee assignments expected sometime next week.

"I am honored that Speaker-elect Nancy Pelosi has chosen me to help the Democratic Caucus choose committee assignments," said Congressman Ryan. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Steering Committee to help shape the direction of the new Democratic House Majority."